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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KOREN ET AL.

Examiner

Bradley Bayat

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-30 are presented for examination on the merits.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Israel on 05 September 2000. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 138273 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: Each and every claim must be one sentence and end with a period at the end. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schwartz et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0044787.

As per the following claims, Schwartz et al. discloses:

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1. A system for allowing a user of a distributed network to perform a secure payment transaction initiated over said network by using a financial data card, the system comprising: at least one vendor site connected to said network; at least one user computerized system comprising a computer connected to said network and a safe payment unit connected to said user computer, said safe payment unit including a data card reader, an authentication protocol for verifying the authenticity of a data card received through said card reader, a storage means for storing transaction information and a means for telephone communication with a remote computer system; an online computerized system of a trusted agent accessible to said safe payment unit by a telephone communication means (figures 1-3 and associated text)

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the distributed network is the Internet (figure 1, item 54).

3. The system of claim 1 wherein said user remains anonymous to the payee (paragraph 0091).

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the vendor site is running a set of electronic commerce-related software applications (paragraphs 70-73).

5. A system according to claim 4 wherein the said set of electronic commerce-related software applications includes a software application for allowing a user to perform payment transaction via said safe payment unit (paragraph 43).

6. The system of claim 1 wherein the user computer is running a software application for accessing and browsing vendor sites (paragraphs 14-35; figure 1 and associated text).

7. The system of claim 1 wherein the user computer includes a software application for allowing a communication with said safe payment unit (paragraphs 71-73).

8. The system of claim 1 wherein said trusted agent is a credit card issuer company and wherein said data card is a credit card issued by said company (figure 2 and associated text).

9. The system of claim 1 wherein said trusted agent is a mediator agent mediating between credit card users and credit cards issuer companies (paragraphs 27-28).

10. The system of claim 1 wherein said computerized system of trusted agent includes a database of users accounts (paragraphs 26-30).

11. A system according to claim 10 wherein said database further includes data of qualified vendors (figure 1 and associated text).

12. The system of claim 1 wherein said safe payment further comprising a keypad and indicator lights for indicating unit mode (figure 5 and associated text).

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13. A system according to claim 12 wherein said safe payment unit further comprises a display (figure 6 and associated text).

14. A system according to claim 12 wherein said safe payment unit further comprises a printer or means to connect to an external printer (figure 3 and associated text).

15. A system according to claim 12 wherein said safe payment device further comprising encrypting means for encrypting the information transmitted to said online computerized system of trusted agent (figures 4 and 7 and associated text).

Claims 16-30 are directed to a method of the above claimed system and are therefore rejected as above.

Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior arts of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider fully the entire references as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

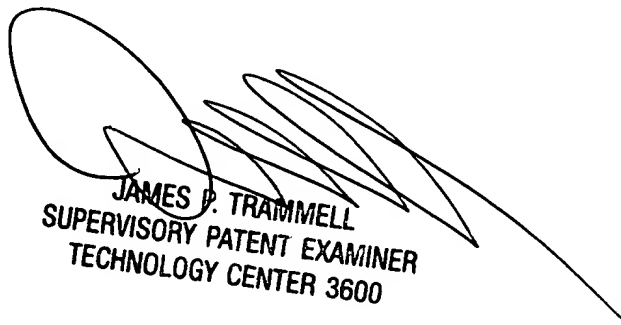
- Patent No. 5,862,223 to Walker et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley Bayat whose telephone number is 703-305-8548. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703-305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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